

FLOOD PLAIN PERMIT COMMITTEE MEETING

201 West Gray, Building A, Conference Room D

Monday, December 16, 2013

3:30 p.m.

Minutes

PRESENT: Shawn O'Leary, Director of Public Works
Susan Connors, Director of Planning/Community Development
Scott Sturtz, City Engineer
Ken Danner, Subdivision Development Manager
Jane Hudson, Principle Planner
Neil Suneson, Citizen Member

OTHERS PRESENT: Todd McLellan, Development Engineer
Julie Shelton, Staff
Bill Ulch, Parks and Recreation
John Baxter, Engineer

NOT PRESENT: Sherri Stansel, Citizen Member

The meeting was called to order by O'Leary who informed the committee that Stansel was not present for the meeting and asked for a motion for approval of the minutes from the meeting of November 18, 2013. Motion to approve minutes by Sturtz. Seconded by Suneson. Approved 6-0.

Item No. 1, Flood Plain Permit Application No. 537: O'Leary introduced Application No. 537 as a request from the City of Norman Parks and Recreation Department to replace existing footbridges in Colonial Estates Park. McLellan introduced Bill Ulch and John Baxter. McLellan noted the location of the project as being located on the north side of Lindsey Street and East of 12th Avenue NE and that the project consists of replacing a 25 foot long pedestrian bridge with a new bridge. McLellan stated that the bridge is one of four bridges in a low water crossing in Colonial Estates Park and the existing pedestrian bridge to be replaced is part of the Frisbee Golf Course within the park. McLellan informed the committee that the Parks and Recreation Department will be assisted in the project by Alex Baxter, an Eagle Scout candidate for Troup 777. The project materials will be provided by the City of Norman and Baxter and other volunteers will be responsible for the labor, tools and equipment for demolition, removal and construction of the new bridge.

A location map and aerial view were shown to the committee indicating the location of the existing bridge. The other bridges were shown as well. McLellan detailed the construction of the bridge to be a wood structure with a concrete approach, ramps, abutments, and drilled shafts and will be approximately 9.3 feet wide by 20 foot long with a five foot wide walking deck. The new bridge will be located immediately downstream and adjacent to the old bridge and will include the same dimensions and hydraulic foot print as the existing bridge. It was

indicated that the fill material excavated will be distributed outside of the floodplain and along the fringe areas of the park.

McLellan informed the committee that the applicant would like to include the three additional bridges in the permit as the budget allows to include the same design as the first bridge. An existing low water crossing was also shown on the location map indicating that a bridge may be built at that location in the future.

Applicable ordinance sections were reviewed to include no fill and a letter from Baxter indicating no rise in the base flood elevation due to the project.

O'Leary asked for additional comments and Baxter indicated the need for rip rap at the other bridge locations. Discussion ensued regarding these additional locations and Baxter indicated areas of repair on the additional bridges as well as who would complete the project. Suneson asked for clarification on the location of the bridges on the location map. Suneson added his concerns that the request from the applicant is for more work to include five bridge repairs/and or replacement than is noted on the application. Suneson asked that only the one bridge be approved and an additional application for the other bridges be submitted for review with appropriate maps as well as other information needed.

Discussion ensued regarding the additional bridges needing repair. O'Leary added comments regarding the request for repair of the additional bridges. Brief discussion regarding the fees for the applications. Motion for approval from Suneson to include approval of the one bridge indicated in the application. Seconded by Connors. Approved 6-0.

Miscellaneous Discussion:

Miscellaneous discussion regarding Flood Plain Permit No. 536 which was the application for the borrow pit in the Canadian River floodplain. Brief discussion on how violations are handled when work is done in the floodplain without obtaining a permit.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.